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SUMMARY. IN ITS MEETING OF 24 JULY 175 THE DPC APPROVED THE
RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF B. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ITS MEETING OF 24 JUL 75 THE DPC APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE IN ITS REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE
US SPECIAL PROGRAM (REF B), INCLUDING THE CATEGORY I PROJECT LIST.
IT ALSO NOTED THE UK CONFIRMATION OF ITS AGREEMENT TO THE COST-
SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SLICES XXVI-XXX, THUS MAKING FINAL THE
MINISTERIAL DECISION OF DECEMBER 1974.

2. THE TURKISH CHARGE (ALP) STATED (UNDER INSTRUCTIONS) THAT WHILE
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TURKEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO APPROVAL OF REF D, THEY REMINDED
THE DPC THAT THEY HAD AGREED TO A SMALL PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THEIR
INFRASTRUCTURE SHAR AT THE MAY 75 MINISTERIAL MEETING. THIS
INCREASE SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE ORIGINAL COST-SHARING AGREEMENT

ON SLICES XXVI-XXX AND SHOULD NOT BE A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. THE NETHERLANDS CHARGE (BUWALDA) REMARKED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN BROACHING AND THEN WORKING OUT THE SPECIAL PROGRAM IDEA. THEY WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE PROGRAM AS DEFINED CONSISTS OF PROJECTS OF GENERAL USE AND INTEREST TO THE ALLIANCE, AND PROPOSED THAT THE DPC COMMEND THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FOR ITS WORK.

4. MISSION COMMENT. AS THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND ITS WORKING GROUP 27 TAKE UP THE PROCEDURAL DETAILS FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM WE ARE PROPOSING THAT SPECIAL PROGRAM INCREMENTS BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIME FRAME OF EACH SLICE RATHER THAN WITH THE SLICE ITSELF. THIS SHOULD GIVE THE US SOME ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN SCHEDULING IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL AS PROTECTION AGAINST EXTENDED DELAYS IN SLICE APPROVAL DUE TO POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES (AS WITH GREECE FOR SLICE XXV) OR TO MAJOR DISAGREEMENTS ON PRIORITIES. WE MAY IN FACT BE FACING THE LATTER POSSIBILITY AS A RESULT OF THE MNC 5-YEAR PLAN REVIEW AND RELATIVELY HEAVY WITHDRAWALS OF SOUTHERN FLANK PROJECTS FROM SLICE XVI. IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 10 JULY 75, THE ITALIAN MILREP (L/G LI GOBBI, IT AR) RECORDED THE STRONG OBJECTION OF HIS AUTHORITIES TO THE SCOPE OF THE WITHDRAWALS OF ITALINA PROJECTS AND INDICATED THAT MORE WOULD BE SAID WHEN THE MC TAKES UP THE 5-YEAR PROGRAM AND SLICE XXVI (SCHEDULED FOR 25 SEP 75). THE ITALIAN INFRASTRUCTURE REPRESENTATIVE (COL FAZZINO) TOOK THE SAME LINE IN THAT COMMITTEE ON 22 JULY 75 AND RESERVED HIS POSITION ON ALL SLICE XXVI PROJECTS PENDING THE MC REVIEW.

SHAPE WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK PROJECT WITHDRAWALS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF BY 7 AUG 75 AND THE ISSUE MAY BE RESOLVED BEFORE FORMAL MC DISCUSSION. IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDED DELAY IN SLICE XXVI APPROVAL, WE PLAN TO SEEK AGREEMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF US PROJECTS IN THE FIRST INCREMENT OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM, EITHER BY ADVANCE AUTHORIZATION AGAINST SLICE XXVI OR BY TEMPORARY IMPUTATION TO AN EXISTING SLICE. IT WILL, THEREFORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE CINCEUR PRIORITY LISTING FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT IN HAND BY MID-SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE A REASONABLE CHANCE OF GETTING A LARGE FIRST INCREMENT IN THE RANGE 10-12 MILLION IAU AND SUGGEST THE CINCEUR LISTING BE BASED ON THAT ASSUMPTION. END COMMENT. BRUCE

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